

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Laureen Tackman, Scott Williams, Joe Domachowske, DPW Superintendent Rod Batte, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Janelle Clarke, Scott Mazi, Elwood Engelbrekt, Cathy Kline, Cindy Suchecki, Kevin Suchecki, Paul Baxter, Legislator Roy Reehil

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

DPW REPORT: Rod Batte gave the following report: DPW has been busy plowing snow, keeping an eye on the WWTP to keep it from freezing. They have hauled sludge, flooded the beds and pumping down the pump at 97 Center due to power disconnected due to vacancy. The Code Officer has been working with the bank on the property to have the power restored. Rod also reported they changed the serpentine belt on the plow truck and have fixed the pressure washer. They also continue to repair grinder pumps.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Avery read the monthly alarm and drill report. He also stated the new 462 is now in service and is being used in training on a regular basis. Many of our drivers have been qualified to operate it, and anyone can be considered as long as they meet the criteria. He thanked everyone that helped in the project, especially 403 who gathered all the information and managed the project, as well as probationary FF Mike Martin and Lt. Graham for their hours of work that was spent fabricating the slide out and configuring the equipment. He stated everyone should be proud of this project as the truck was placed in service within a week and a half of delivery. Chief Avery also reported that the new mini pumper final construction was held last evening and it is in production now and we can expect delivery around the Harrisburg Fire Show. He also reported that 401 and 404 have been working with items that concern PESH and our upcoming meeting. A huge thank you to 404 for working so diligently on updating the SOP's. Chief Avery also submitted a roster of 40 members. also stated that Mike Davis, the President of the Fire Company, received a letter stating the Company didn't handle the removal of an officer properly. After review of the procedure, they did not handle the removal properly and to rectify this, a new election will be held for an unopposed officer. The department has received 3 quotes for the new 4-wheeler. They are getting rid of the snowmobile and side by side and replacing with the 4 wheeler. The lowest bid was \$12,000. The Taberg Fire Dept. will purchase the snowmobile for \$650 which is fair market value. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the sale of the 1994 Skidoo Summit Snowmobile to the Taberg Fire Dept. for \$650.00, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor. Chief Avery then asked to put the 2008 Kawasaki 610 Mule on Auctions International (approximately value \$4000), Mayor Youmans made the motion to approve the listing on Auctions International, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. Mayor Youmans then made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 Polaris Sportsman Touring 5000 with Tracks with a price not to exceed \$12,000, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. Chief Avery stated the 4 wheeler is in stock and can be put in service immediately upon purchase.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter reported that there will be a Tughill Commisison meeting at the Village Hall on 1/20/15 at 10:00am and that NORCOG also hold their meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 7:00pm. He stated that the Village website is up to date. He also explained the annual contract with the Tughill Commission and what the annual dues paid to NORCOG are for.

They offset his salary, mileage, cell phone, website, domain name as well as the conferences. This also allows him to attend conferences and meetings. West Monroe acts as the fiscal agent. Mayor Youmans commented he was just curious how the money was spent and we were just looking for accountability. Mr. Baxter also stated that NORCOG is looking to possibly add an associate to help out Paul.

FIRE RESERVES: Mayor Youmans stated the Fire Department has saved money in order to purchase the EMS Rescue truck. Therefore the following resolutions were proposed:

At a regular meeting of the Village Board for the Village of Cleveland held the 13th day of January, 2015 at the Village Hall, 2 Clay Street, Cleveland, NY.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Village Board has identified that certain equipment will need to be purchased for the Cleveland Fire Department over the next few years; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board deems it in the best interests of the Village to establish a capital reserve fund to acquire equipment for the Cleveland Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Mayor Youmans, and seconded by Trustee Tackman, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund. The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost equipment for the Cleveland Fire Department. The type of capital improvement to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the purchase of equipment for the Cleveland Fire Department.
2. The Village Mayor is hereby directed to deposit moneys for this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund".
3. The Village Mayor is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Village Board may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the Village's investment policy. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The Village Mayor shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner, which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund.
4. Except as otherwise provided by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditures shall be made from the Reserve Fund without the approval of the Village Board and are subject to **permissive referendum** as required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

MOTION ADOPTED as follows:

NORMAN YOUMANS, Mayor	[AYE]
JOSEPH DOMACHOWSKE, Trustee	[AYE]

CHRISTINE SCHREIBER, Trustee [AYE]
LAUREEN TACKMAN, Trustee [AYE]
A. SCOTT WILLIAMS, SR., Trustee [AYE]

s/Julie Simpson
JULIE SIMPSON, Village Clerk/Treasurer

At a regular meeting of the Village Board for the Village of Cleveland held the 13th day of January, 2015 at the Village Hall, 2 Clay Street, Cleveland, NY.

**RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING FUNDS FROM THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland owns and maintains a pickup truck which is in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland Fire Department, has obtained a quote for a new truck for a purchase price of \$21,941.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland maintains a Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund Account pursuant to General Municipal Law for the purpose of acquiring, repairing and maintaining Village Fire Department equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland's Fire Department truck is in need of replacement and the Village Board wishes to expend monies from such reserve account to acquire a new truck.

NOW ON MOTION made by Mayor Youmans and seconded by Trustee Domachowske, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland does hereby authorize the sum of \$21,941.00 to be appropriated from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund towards the purchase of a 2015 Ford F250 truck.

2. That the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland does hereby authorize the Fire Department to trade in the 1999 pickup truck for a trade-in price of \$5,000.

This Resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum as permitted by law.

NORMAN YOUMANS, Mayor [AYE]
JOSEPH DOMACHOWSKE, Trustee [AYE]
CHRISTINE SCHREIBER, Trustee [AYE]
LAUREEN TACKMAN, Trustee [AYE]
B. SCOTT WILLIAMS, SR., Trustee [AYE]

Dated: January 13, 2015

s/Julie Simpson
JULIE SIMPSON, Village Clerk/Treasurer

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Trustee Tackman read the following report submitted by Joni Hinds:
Park Decorators: Joni & John Hinds, Ron & Kathy Darrow, Jack & Renee' Ryan, Village employees Rod Batte & Zack Avery

Donations: Bernhards Bay United Methodist Church: artificial tree and decorations

Cleveland UMC tree decorations

Total Expenses: \$121.85

Joni Hinds – \$55.91 (base for tree, candy canes, net lights, tree topper, timer for gazebo)

Lila Netzband - \$25.94 (refreshments)

Michael Tylee - \$40.00 (stipend for providing sound system)

Refreshments: Hot chocolate with mini marshmallows, cookies, and candy

Master of Ceremonies: Jim Ransom, Owner, United Wire Technologies; U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots Representative

Music: North Shore Community Choir

Attendance: Estimate close to 100 including parents, children and members of the community.

Santa & Mrs. Claus:

After riding around the village, they arrived at Lakeview Park in a 1942 Dodge fire truck owned and operated by Richard Ostrowski.

Presents for children provided by U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event including Cleveland Spirit Committee members, Village of Cleveland DPW and Cleveland Fire Department members: John Hinds (escorted Santa) and Fred Friedel (traffic control).

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT: Mayor Youmans read the Code Officers Report: 3 Village inspections, 3 home inspections and 1 property violation.

6 MONTH FINANCIAL UPDATE: Trustee Domachowske reviewed the treasurers reports for the last 6 months, ending November 30, 2014. He stated all accounts are in good standing and many are under budget. Any purchases are discussed and reviewed in keeping with the budget. He reported that the Village is in very good financial shape. Trustee Domachowske made the following motion to move: - \$4,316.00 from FX 8130.1 and \$4316.00 from G8130.1 to A5110.1 (w/s personal services to general services)

\$330.00 from FX9060.8 and G9060.8 to A9060.8 (w/s social security to general social security)

\$330.00 from FX9040.8 and G9040.8 to A9040.8 (w/s worker's comp to general worker's comp)

\$9363.50 from sale of FD equipment to A3410.2 FD equipment acct., second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

EMPLOYEE SALARY: Mayor Youmans stated that Kay Foster has been with the Village for many years and does the water and sewer billing for the Village. She is a valuable asset to the Village and is able to fill in for the Clerk in case of any emergency and she has not gotten a raise in years. She only works approximate 2 hours per week and it is hardly worth her time to come in at her current salary. Mayor Youmans put forth the following: Increase the salary of Kay Foster to \$20.00 per hour/\$1,000 per year, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Village received a letter from resident Mark Everson regarding the tractor trailer that parks at the highway garage. He is concerned that it is unsupervised and at times the generator/AC unit was running. He feels this is a potential liability for the Village and may be bothering residents and is cause for concern.

Discussion followed. Trustee Tackman replied she thought he couldn't park there if the unit was running, and Zack Avery responded that was correct and he has not been running it. The DPW has no issue with it being parked there nor does the Mayor. Mayor Youmans stated it is no different than the churches uses the Village Hall parking lot for overflow from services. He stated that the Village is just trying to be helpful. Mayor Youmans made a motion to allow the parking of this truck at the DPW Barn, second by Trustee Domachowske, Trustee Williams, abstain, Trustee Schreiber, yes if it is not running, Trustee Tackman, no. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT: Mayor Youmans stated that the Water Project is moving forward and the Village has hired its own engineer, Dodson and Associates, to work on this project. This firm has been working with the Village since September 2014 and has been very helpful. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the proposed contract with Dodson and Associates in the amount of \$25,000 for engineering services in relation to the Joint Water Project, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

LEGISLATORS REPORT: Legislator Roy Reehil gave the following report:

At the December meeting of the Oswego County Legislature the annual budget passed along with the Highway Department's suggested rental fee schedule attached. The 2015 budget projects spending \$196,849,941.00 that is \$305,666 dollars less than the 2014 budget, but the tax levy is 1.15% higher due to lowering use of unallocated fund balance and decreasing revenue. We started our budget process at a proposed generic tax rate increase of 6.9%, but ended up lowering that through cuts. The final increase in the Town of Constantia is 4.2% to \$8.64 per thousand of assessed value. Last year's rate was \$8.29 per thousand. That amounts to about a \$34 dollar increase on a \$100,000 home.

There are 3 components to the county tax bill. County Tax, Workman's Compensation and Community College. County Tax is up 3.6%, Workman's Comp. is down 3.9% and Community College is up 17.2%. Community College has to do with the number of Town residents attending Community Colleges across the State.

We initially anticipated not being below the Governor's Tax Cap, but in the end we were able to get there. That means that sometime during 2015, the State will send rebate checks to eligible residents in approximately the amount of your individual increase. To be eligible for the Tax Cap Rebate residents have to be STAR eligible, meaning their gross household income is under \$500,000 and the property is their primary residence. Commercial properties and 2nd homes or vacation properties are not eligible. If anyone has any questions I can try to find out more at your request. He also reported that the legislature passed rental rates for renting heavy equipment from the county. Legislator Reehil serves on the following committees: Economic Development and Planning Committee, Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs Committee, Public Safety Committee and Oswego County Tourism Advisory Council

PAY BILLS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #8, vouchers 330-368, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:30pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.